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SUBJECT: SOCIAL WELFARE DEMONSTRATION CENTERS PROPOSAL OF
MINISTER RATEB

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1. IN COURSE OF CALL BY DHEW/RSA COMMISSIONER
ADAMS DEC 29, I REVIEWED HISTORY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS
MINISTER AISHA RATEB'S PROPOSAL FOR US
ASSISTANCE FOR TWO MODEL DEMONSTRATION AND TRAINING
CENTERS FOR INTEGRATED SOCIAL SERVICES, INCLUDING
OUR PARTICULAR CONCERNS REGARDING HER HOPES FOR
US PROVISION OF CONSTRUCTION FUNDS. I NOTED THAT,
EVEN THOUGH I UNDERSTOOD DR. ADAMS HAD NOT BEEN
DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH THIS MATTER, HE SHOULD BE
FOREWARNED THAT MINISTER RATEB OR OTHERS MIGHT SEEK
TO PURSUE IT WITH HIM. DR. ADAMS POINTED OUT
THAT, IN PROGRAMS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF US CENTERS,
CONGRESS GENERALLY EXPECTS STATE AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS TO COVER CONSTRUCTION COSTS, WHILE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDES PROGRAM
ASSISTANCE. I SUGGESTED HE MIGHT MAKE THIS POINT
IF AN APPROPRIATE OCCASION SHOULD ARISE DURING HIS
DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTER RATEB.

2. DR. ADAMS HAS REPORTED TO EMBOFF THAT HE DID
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SO WHEN, BOTH DURING LUNCH THAT DAY WITH

MINISTER RATEB AND AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH
PRIME MINISTER, QUESTION OF PROVISION OF CONSTRUCTION
FUNDS WAS IN FACT RAISED. DR. ADAMS SAID PRIME
MINISTER THEN INDICATED POSSIBILITY OF USING GOE
FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS, AND MINISTER
RATEB APPEARED MORE WILLING TO ACCEPT SUCH ARRANGEMENT.

3. HOPEFULLY, PROJECT MIGHT NOW BEGIN TO RETURN TO
MANAGEABLE PROPORTIONS.
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